



Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Notes 5-11-21

Notes from Group - Matt

Transportation

No vehicles wanted in space - becomes dangerous and less pedestrian friendly
Hard to find parking for big events
Needs to be bike and ped friendly
Need to have dedicated bike path
Ideally bike and ped path to be located next to water and keep top tier free for landscape and open space (15-20 path at waterfront for bike/ped/seating, etc)

Programming

Space in current festival park and Newport OTL are combative and do the same thing.
Too much of the same activity in the space along the riverfront
No skywheel
Would like more free open space and less programmed spaces. Want the waterfront to be passive recreation space ideally.
Band spaces are hard to hear if two bands are playing at once
Too crowded for event with not enough parking
Too expensive with parking and admission fees
Festivals need to move somewhere else - need to reprogram this space with open space and not festival space.
Like curved spaces so it is not a connector but a place to stay and enjoy. Keep user active and looking at different spaces
No straight lines
ADA ramp needs to be long and curved vs switchback - not inviting and crowded
Need lots of seating options

Play Areas

Needs to be incorporated into space.
Ability for multi-function with a flow of activities.
No structured playgrounds - nature play is ideal
Like natural slide with elevation hill on side of slide
Provide play area under bridge for natural shade
Look at Cincinnati - look at Friendship Park for ideas

Festivals

Not a good space for festivals
Parking and events better somewhere else
Would like it to be a "riverfront park" not festival park
If stage needs to be incorporated put it on the east end because of sun setting.

Art and Water Feature

Not going to bring people to park as a feature alone
Nature brings people to park and needs to incorporate more open



and natural space.

Interactive nature spaces

Water is soothing but needs to be interactive - not necessary for park though

Water feature - needs to be interactive (large spray or with different levels)

Notes from Group – Mark

My group like the Flow Plan and the Main Street Plan – with a preference to the Flow Plan.

They like the idea of the single long arcing ramp down to a more curved lower space. They would like to remove the sharp 90 degree angles from the western edge of flood wall (as pointed out in the main meeting) but liked the larger angled overlook spaces as they focused attention on the angled views across the river.

Liked Slide

Liked Swings

Liked Break Out Spaces

Liked Shade Trees

Liked Amphitheater and Stage Area

Like Taxi Dock Option

Liked Fountain and Feature Lighting

Notes from Group – Jonathan

Flow concept is preferred: smooth curves, meandering walkways

Swings were the favorite element

Loved the slide

Restroom needed

Educational spaces: seating for an outdoor classroom

Wildlife/River signage

Green, Green, Green: Natural feel

Private small family unit spaces

Hammocks/nets at river and possibly overhanging the river

Notes from Group – Mike

Like the idea of having the roadway and hardscaping up along the river and the greenspace up top where it doesn't flood as often

If there are ramps down to the lower tier they like a sweeping pass rather than switchbacks for ADA

Liked the flow concept the best, but didn't like the "jagged" edges as they would collect debris

Did not like the straight line wall

Want as much "level" greenspace as possible and would prefer it be on the upper level

Asked whether a one way road would meet grant requirements to limit pavement width (one way toward BB if so)

Coordination with Taylor Park will be key so amenities can complement one another

Need solid bar posts for railings to avoid water getting inside and freezing. Like cables between posts for visibility



They deal with a lot of erosion on the transition tier. They like the benched seat walls to help prevent this. They also said fabric on the hillside and potentially a curb/small wall at the bottom would prevent the erosion from continuing.

If walls are included, need to be in smaller lengths to deter skateboarders people sleeping over night

Don't think the festivals need to be on this site. Riverfest and Italianfest are the most important if they continue. Riverfest will happen regardless of what is done in the park
Tents at festivals drive posts into the pavement for their tents and damage it. If festivals continue, plan for this

Want any lawn area to be 3-1 or flatter so that it can be mowed

Lighting ballast need to be at the top of any lighting

Could put low voltage/water proof lighting on the seat walls

Lighting will help safety and view from Ohio side

Want trees, but don't want trees to overpower the site or block views (up lighting on trees)

Trees over by Taylor Southgate Bridge are most important

Play areas should be in upper area because of river elevations

Restrooms are needed. Movable restrooms should be considered. If permanent, need to be stainless steel

It would be nice to have bollards that can go do into the pavement with a key rather than gates to block entrances

Electric hook ups for festivals are not aesthetically pleasing. Could be hidden in seat walls if necessary